THE ANSWER OF Both Houſes of PARLIAMENT,

Preſented to His Maieſtie at *Yorke* the ninth of *May*, 1642.

To two Meſſages ſent to them from his Maieſtie, concerning Sir *Iohn Hothams* Refuſall to give His Maieſty Entrance into His Towne of *Hull*.

WITH

His Maieſties *Reply* thereunto.

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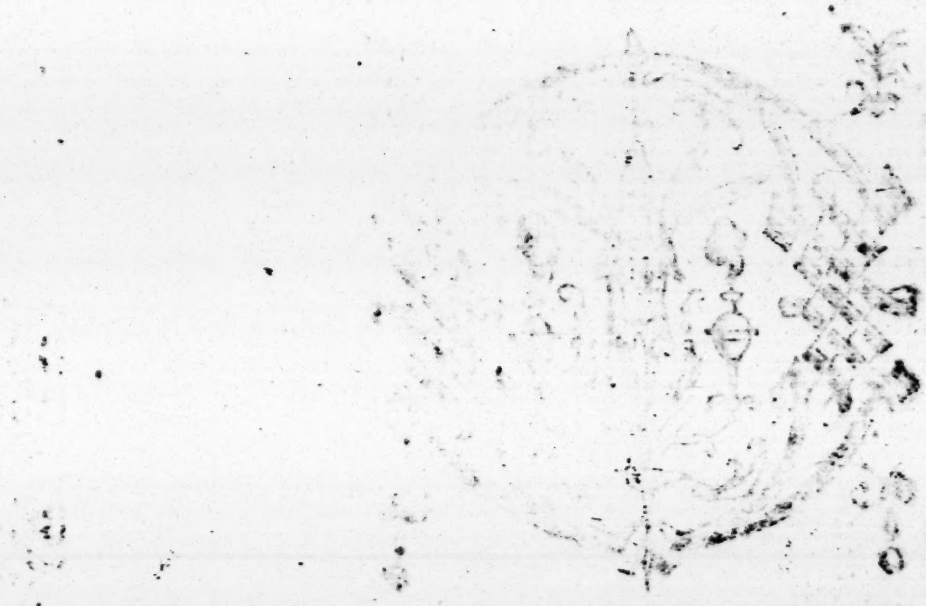

The most humble Answer

Of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, to two Messages from Your Sacred Majestie, concernifig Sir *John Hothams* Refusall to give your Majestie Entrance into the Town of *Hull*.

YOur Majestie may be pleased to undetstand, That we Your great Councell, finding manifold Evidences of the wicked Counsells and Practises of some in neer trust and authority about You to put the Kingdom into a combustion, by drawing Your Majesty into places of Strength, remote from your Parliament and by exciting Your people to commotions, under pretence of serving Your Majestie against your Parliament; Lest this malignant Party, by the advantage of the Towne and Magazine of *Hull*, should be enabled to go thorow with their mischievous intentions, Did (in discharge of the great Trust that lies upon us, and by that power which in cases of this nature resides in us) command the Town of *Hull* to bee secured by Garrison of the adjoyning Train Bands, under the Government of Sir *John Hotham*, requiring him to keepe the same from the service of Your Majestie and the Kingdom wherein we have done nothing contrary to Your Royall Soveraignty in that Towne, or Legall Propriety in the Magazine.

Upou Consideration of Sir *John Hothams* proceedings at Your Majesties being there, we have upon very good Grounds adjudged, That he could not discharge the trust upon which, nor make good the End for which he was placed in the Guard of that Towne and Magazine if he had let in Your Majestie, with such Counsellours and Company as then were about You.

Wherefore upon full Resolution of both Houses, we have declared Sir *John Hotham* to be clear from that odious Crime of Treason, and have Avowed, That he hath therein done nothing but in obedience to the Commands of both Houses of Parliament, assuring

our ſelves, That upon mature deliberation, Your Majeſty will not Interpret his obedience to ſuch Authority, to be an affront to Your Majeſty, or to be of that nature as to require any Juſtice to be done upon him, or ſatisfaction to be made to your Majeſty: But that you will ſee juſt cauſe of joyning with Your Parliament, in Preſerving and ſecuring the peace of the Kingdom, ſuppreſſing this wicked and malignant Party, who by falſe colours and pretenſions of maintaining Your Majeſties Prerogative againſt the Parliament (wherein they fully agree with the Rebels in *Ireland*) have been the cauſes of all our diſtempers and dangers.

For prevention whereof, we know no better remedy, then ſetling the *Militia* of the Kingdome according to the Bill which we have ſent Your Majeſty, without any intention of deſerting or declining the validity or obſervance of that Ordinance, which paſt both Houſes upon Your Majeſties former refuſall: But we will ſtill hold that Ordinance to be effectuall by the Laws of this Kingdom.

And we ſhall be exceeding glad, if your Majeſty by approving theſe our juſt, dutifull, and neceſſary proceedings, ſhall be pleaſed to entertain ſuch Counſell, as we aſſure our ſelves (by Gods bleſſing) will prove very advantagious for the Honour and greatneſſe of Your Majeſty, the ſafety and peace of your People; amongſt which we know no more likely to produce ſuch good effects, then a Declaration from Your Majeſty of Your purpoſe to lay aſide all thoughts of going into *Ireland*, and to make a ſpeedy return into theſe parts, to be neer Your Parliament. Which as it is our moſt humble deſire and earneſt Petition, ſo ſhall it be ſeconded with our moſt dutifull care for the ſafety of Your Royall Perſon, and conſtant prayers, that it may prove Honorable and ſucceſſull in the happineſſe of Your Majeſty, and all your Kingdoms.

His

His Majeſties Reply.

To the Anſwer of both Houſes of Parliament, Preſented to his Maieſtie the 9th of *May*, to two Meſſages ſent to them from His Maieſtie concerning Sir *Iohn Hothams* refuſall to give His Maieſtie Entrance into His Towne of *Hull*.

HIs Maieſtie was in good hope, that the reaſon why you ſo long deferred your Anſwer to His Meſſages concerning *Hull*, was, That you might the beter give Him ſatisfaction therein, which now adds the more to His Aſtoniſhment, finding this Anſwer (after ſo long Adviſement) to bee of that nature, which cannot but rather increaſe, then diminiſh the preſent diſtractions, if conſtantly adhered unto by the Parliament. Was it not too much that his Maieſties Towne of *Hull* had a Gariſon put into it, to the great charge of the Countrey, and inconvenience to the poore Inhabitants, without His Maieſties conſent and Approbation, under colour at that time of Forreigne Invaſion, and apprehenſions of the Popiſh parts; but now the Reaſons thereof muſt be inlarged with a ſcandall to His Maieſtie and His faithfull ſervants, onely to bring in the more ſpecious pretext for the

the avoiding of Sir *Iohn Hothams* Treaſonable inſolencie?

His Maieſtie hath often heard of the great truſt that by God and mans Law is committed to the King, for the defence and Safety of His People, but as yet hath never underſtood what truſt or power is committed to either or both Houſes of Parliament without the King; they being ſummoned to Counſell and Adviſe the King; but by what Law or Authority they poſſeſſe them ſelves of His Maieſties proper right and inheritane He is confident, that they have not, ſo they cannot ſhew.

His Maieſtie hitherto hath not given the leaſt interpretation to publike Iuſtice; but you rather then ſuffer one of your Members to come to ſo much as to a Legall Triall for the higheſt crime, will make uſe of an Order of Parliament to Countenance Treaſon, by declaring him free from that guilt which all former Ages never accounted other, and that without ſo much as enquiring the opinion of the Iudges: for His Maieſtie is confident that you would have mentioned their opinion if you had asked the ſame.

Therefore His Majeſtie expects, That upon further and better conſideration of the great and neceſſary conſequence of the Buſineſſe of *HVLL*, and ſeriouſly weighing how much this doth concerne the Peace and quiet of the Kingdome, you will (without further inſtance from His Maieſtie) give him full and ſpeedy Iuſtice againſt Sir *Iohn Hotham*: And he leaves all His good People to thinke, what hope of Iuſtice there is left for them, when you ſhall refuſe or delay to give your owne Sovereign ſatisfaction: And (as his

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Maieſtie hath already ſaid) tfll this be done He will intend no Buſineſſe whatſoever, other then that of *Ireland*.

And His Maieſtie likewiſe expects, That in the way you have expreſſed in this your Anſwer, you will not put the *Militia* in Execution, untill you can ſhew Him by what Law you have Authoritie to doe the ſame without His conſent: Or, if you doe, He is confident, That He ſhall finde much more Obedience according to Law, then you againſt Law: And His Maieſtie ſhall eſteem all thoſe that ſhall obey you therein, to be diſturbers of the Peace of the Kingdome, and in due time call them Legally to a ſtrict account for the ſame.

As for *Ireland*, His Maieſty referres you to His former Anſwer.

And laſtly, concerning His Return, He never heard, That the ſlandering of a KINGS Government, and His faithfull Servants, The refuſing of Him Iuſtice in acaſe of Treaſon; Add the ſeeking to take away His undoubted and Legall Authority; Under the pretence of putting the Kingdome into a Poſture of Defence? were Arguments to induce a KING to come near, or hearken to His PARLIAMENT.

FINIS.